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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT - EMIGRATION

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1. DURING A CALL ON SENATOR JACKSON TODAY, HE SAID THAT, WHILE HE WANTS TO SUPPORT ROMANIA AND SHARES OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THIS REGARD, HE ALSO WANTS THERE TO BE NO DOUBT THAT THE ROMANIANS MUST LIVE UP TO THE ASSURANCES ABOUT EMIGRATION. HE RECALLED THAT, WHEN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN VISITED HIM RECENTLY, BOGDAN HAD CLAIMED THAT THE ONLY LIMIT TO JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA WAS ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY TO HANDLE APPLICATIONS. BOGDAN TOLD HIM THAT THIS WAS APPROXIMATELY 1,000 A MONTH. JACKSON WAS EMPHATIC THAT, IF THE ROMANIANS DO NOT PERFORM, HE WILL BE FORCED TO OPPOSE THE AGREEMENT PUBLICLY. STAFFER RICHARD PERLE ADDED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE HAD FROM THE ROMANIANS AND REPORTS ON FIGURES AS THEY ARRIVE. WE REITERATED OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH PERLE AND INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT THE ROMANIANS

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HAD ASSURED US THAT THEY WOULD ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY TO INCREASE

THE ISSUANCES OF EMIGRATION PERMITS AND THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE EXPECTATIONS IN THE US CONGRESS IN TERMS OF FLOW. WE INTEND TO CALL IN BOGDAN TOMORROW AND REPORT THIS CONVERSATION TO HIM AND SUGGEST THAT HE, IN TURN, REPORT IT

BACK TO BUCHAREST.

COMMENT: WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW OFTEN YOU CAN MAKE THIS POINT TO MACOVESCU. NONETHELESS, THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL TAKE TO THE FLOOR AND ATTACK THE AGREEMENT UNLESS GOR PERFORMANCE IMPROVES DRAMATICALLY AS MACOVESCU HAD PROMISED. KISSINGER

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